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Alex Camp Road Fire continues burning near Crooked Creek Camp Ground

(LEWISTOWN, Mont.) – Wildland Firefighters continued to battle the Alex Camp Road Fire, located about five miles northwest of Cooked Creek Camp Ground in Petroleum County, Mont., and south of the Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge July 5, 2015.

Strong driving winds and dry fuels of grass, mixed timber and Juniper covering steep terrain consisting of draws, coulees and fingers caused the fire to spread to about 6,000 acres in the evening hours of July 4. However, cooler temperatures and wetting rain today helped firefighting efforts.

The fire is on Montana State and Bureau of Land Management managed lands. There are no structures in the immediate area that are threatened at this time.

The wildfire was first reported at 2:20 p.m., July 2, and crews began arriving by 3:30 to the remote location about 40 miles from the nearest paved road.

Approximately 90 personnel from Department of Natural Resources BLM, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and U.S. Forest Service, have responded to the Alex Camp Road Fire, demonstrating the positive strength of four agencies working together for firefighting efforts as a cohesive unit, according to BLM Central Montana Fire Zone Fire Management Officer Brett Blumhardt. Incident Command was transferred today from Matt Plagenz, of the U.S. Forest Service, to the BLM's Dennis Crawford.

To report wildfires, call 911 or the Lewistown Interagency Dispatch Center at (406) 538-1072. For more information on wildfires, go to <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov>. For information on fire restrictions, visit the fire restrictions website at www.firerestrictions.us.

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PHOTO OUTLINE

The Alex Camp Road Fire continues to burn July 5, 2015, on Montana State and Bureau of Land Management managed lands about five miles northwest of Cooked Creek Camp Ground in Petroleum County, Mont., and south of the Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge. (Photo Jonathan Moor)